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JULIE EVANS ROSSOTTI, et al.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
(OAKLAND DIVISION)

RESOURCE RENEWAL INSTITUTE,
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
and WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT

Plaintiffs,

v.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, a federal
agency, and CICELY MULDOON, in her
official capacity as Superintendent of Point
Reyes National Seashore,

Defendants;

JULIE EVANS ROSSOTTI, DAN and
DOLORES EVANS, DAVID EVANS,
ROBERT McCLURE, TIM, TOM, and MIKE
KEHOE, ERNIE, ERNEST, and NICHOLA
SPALETTA, BETTY NUNES, and WILLIAM
and NICOLETTE NIMAN,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No.: 4:16-cv-00688-SBA

**DECLARATION OF AMY MEYER IN
SUPPORT OF INTERVENOR
DEFENDANTS' OPPOSITION TO
MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY
INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED

Action Filed: February 10, 2016

Date: November 9, 2016
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Dept.: 210, 2nd Floor,
1301 Clay Street, Oakland
Judge: Hon. Sandra B. Armstrong

1 I, AMY MEYER, declare as follows:

2 1. I make this declaration on behalf of myself and People for a Golden Gate National
3 Recreation Area (“PFGGNRA”) in support of the Intervenor-Defendants’ Opposition to the
4 Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief in the above-captioned lawsuit.

5 2. I am Chairperson of PFGGNRA, an organization of conservation and civic-minded
6 groups and individuals founded in 1971 that coordinated the campaign to authorize the Golden Gate
7 National Recreation Area (“GGNRA”) as a national recreation area.

8 3. I have been involved in advocacy for federally protected and recognized lands in the
9 Bay Area for more than 45 years, including GGNRA, Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point
10 National Historic Site, San Francisco Maritime National Historic Park, and Point Reyes National
11 Seashore.

12 4. I am an author of a book about the founding of GGNRA, titled “New Guardians for
13 the Golden Gate— How America Got a Great National Park” (1996). My work is featured in the
14 film “Rebels With a Cause” about Point Reyes National Seashore and GGNRA.

15 5. I am a member of a coalition of environmentalists who support sustainable ranching
16 at Point Reyes National Seashore (“National Seashore”).

17 6. I am familiar with the National Seashore enabling legislation and the National Park
18 Service’s policies and regulations concerning the National Seashore. The National Seashore was
19 authorized in order to save and preserve a portion of our diminishing United States Seashore. The
20 continuation of ranching at the National Seashore, subject to terms and conditions determined by
21 the Park Service, was part of the bargain that made authorization of the park possible. Regulation of
22 ranching is necessary to protect ranching within the National Seashore.

23 7. I have reviewed the Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Injunctive Relief (ECF. No.
24 86) filed in the above-captioned lawsuit. The Plaintiffs ask the Court to halt progress on the Ranch
25 Comprehensive Management Plan. However, halting progress on this plan will have detrimental
26 impacts on the National Seashore. The plan, when complete, will implement Best Management
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1 Practices at the National Seashore to make ranching more environmentally sustainable. The plan
2 will also allow the Park Service to properly manage Tule elk.

3 8. The Plaintiffs also ask the Court to prohibit the National Park Service from giving
4 leases longer than one year to the ranchers. This too will have detrimental impacts on the National
5 Seashore. For 29 years, I participated in the Federal Advisory Commission, which advised the
6 Secretary of the Interior on management policies concerning grazing, erosion, fencing, and resource
7 sustainability as well as development projects, ranch management practices, and good and poor uses
8 of the National Seashore ranch lands. Through my participation on the Advisory Commission, I
9 learned that there are financial requirements and environmental requirements for ranching to
10 continue to be viable in the National Seashore. For instance, ranchers must have a sense of stability
11 in order to invest in the changes necessary for Best Management Practices that will make possible
12 environmental sustainability. Thus, prohibiting the Park Service from granting leases longer than
13 one year will make it more difficult for the National Seashore ranchers to invest in Best
14 Management Practices.

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3 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the
4 foregoing is true and correct. Executed this date of September 13, 2016.
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